EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James R. Bell on March 20, 2008.

IN THE CLAIMS

List of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of operating a portable information handling system (IHS) comprising:

sensing a first condition to which the IHS is subjected in the course of operation to provide sensed information, wherein the first sensed condition is ambient light around the IHS;

the IHS including a display;

subsequently sensing a plurality of conditions to provide additional sensed information including orientation of the display and motion of the IHS;

analyzing the sensed information to determine if the IHS is currently in an unusable state due to the first condition and one of the plurality of conditions being sensed; and

entering a reduced power mode, by the IHS, if it is found that the IHS is currently in the unusable state;.

~~sensing a first sensed condition to provide sensed information;~~

~~wherein the first sensed condition is ambient light around the IHS; and~~

~~wherein the IHS includes a display, the orientation of which is sensed in the sensing step.~~

2. – 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~3~~ **1** wherein change in one sensed condition triggers wakeup of the IHS after the IHS has entered the reduced power mode.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~3~~ **1** wherein change in multiple sensed conditions triggers wakeup of the IHS after the portable IHS has entered the reduced power mode.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a portable information handling system (IHS) comprising:

sensing ~~a plurality of~~ first, second and third conditions to which the IHS is subjected in the course of operation to provide sensed information, wherein the first condition is ambient light around the IHS;

analyzing the sensed information to determine if the IHS is currently in an unusable state due to the first condition and any one of the second and third conditions being sensed; and

entering a reduced power mode, by the IHS, if it is found that the IHS is currently in the unusable state~~;~~.

~~sensing a first sensed condition to provide sensed information;~~

~~wherein the first sensed condition is ambient light around the IHS; and~~

~~wherein the IHS includes a display, the orientation of which is sensed in the sensing step.~~

12. – 14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein change in one sensed condition triggers wakeup of the IHS after the IHS has entered the reduced power mode.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein change in multiple sensed conditions triggers wakeup of the IHS after the IHS has entered the reduced power mode.

17. (Currently Amended) A portable information handling system (IHS) comprising:

a display coupled to the IHS;

a processor;

a plurality of condition ~~sensor~~ sensors, coupled to the processor, for sensing ~~a condition~~ conditions to which the IHS is subjected in the course of operation to provide sensed information, wherein a first one of the sensed conditions is ambient light around the IHS, a second one of the sensed conditions is motion of the IHS, and a third one of the sensed conditions is orientation of the display; and

nonvolatile storage, coupled to the processor, for storing control software for analyzing the sensed information to determine if the portable IHS is currently in an unusable state due to the first condition and any one of the second and third conditions being sensed, and for causing the portable IHS to enter a reduced power mode if it is found that the portable IHS is currently in the unusable state~~; and~~.

~~means for sensing a first sensed condition to provide sensed information, wherein the first sensed condition is ambient light around the IHS, and wherein the IHS includes a display, the orientation of which is sensed by the sensing step.~~

18. – 24. (Canceled)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MALCOLM D. CRIBBS whose telephone number is (571)272-5689. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM-430PM.

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